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Choice Peonies

Everybody knows what Peonies are but very few people in this country know much about the beautiful improved varieties which have been produced within the past ten or twenty years.

We have growing in our nursery 36 varieties of Peonies which represent the finest productions of the European and American breeders. These varieties far outclass the old-fashioned Peonies in size color and form of blooms and must be seen to be appreciated.

The figures after each variety denote the rating given by the Peony Society of America. They rate the different varieties according to their merits from 1 to 10 and decimals thereof. You will notice that all our varieties rate above 7 points except Meissonier and Officinalis Rubra. There is no variety yet produced which has merited 10 points.

Peonies are easy to grow and once planted will last for years; coming up every spring and blooming with a lavish display of flowers.

We will send planting directions to all our customers.

ADOLPH ROSSEAU. 8.5. Very large blooms. Semi-double. A deep purple garnet with metallic reflex. Tall, stiff stems. One of the best early dark reds. \$1.50 Each

ALBERT CROUSSE. 8.6. Pink. Very large, compact, bomb-shaped blossom. Rose white with fleck of crimson. Tall, erect, profuse bloomer. Fragrant. One of the most striking of all peonies. \$1.00 Each

ASA GRAY. 8.1. Pink. Midseason. Large. imbricated, rose formed bloom. Guard petals salmon flesh, very full and perfect in form. Color lilac, touched with minute specks of deeper lilac. Very striking in appearance. A prolific bloomer, fragrant and distinct. \$1.50 Each

AVALANCHE. 8.7. White. A very large milk-white flower of perfect form. Base of petals reflects a soft yellow. A few of the central petals are delicately edged with carmine. Strong growers, profuse bloomer, fragrant. Late mid-season. Extra fine. \$1.00 Each

BARONESS SCHROEDER. 9.0. White. Plume-shaped flower with irregularly shaped petals, sometimes fringed. Opens delicate blush, changing soon to pure white. Strong grower and free bloomer. Delicate odor. Regarded as one of the worlds best peonies. \$1.50 Each

CORNELIA SHALOR. 9.6. A full well formed flower of pyramidal shape; Guard petals and collar of a faint pink, softening to white, and deeper shell pink center. An extra good variety. Late. We have but one plant to sell. \$35.00 Each

COURONNE de Or. 8.1. White. Very large, imbricated blooms of perfect form. Color milk white, reflecting yellow, with golden stamens showing between the petals and adding to the brightness of the flower. Very fragrant, a splendid bloomer and a strong plant. A reliable flower in all respects. One of the finest whites in existence. Season of blooming quite late. 50c Each

- DUCHESS de NEMOURS.** 8.1. White. Crown type, early. Follows Festiva Maxima by a few days. A splendid cup-shaped sulphur-white flower with a greenish reflex that lights up the entire blossom, which gradually changes to a pure white. Exceptionally beautiful in the half-opened bud stage. 50c Each
- DUKE OF WELLINGTON.** 7.8. Large flower of good form and substance. Bomb-type. White guard petals with sulphur center. Free bloomer and fragrant. Midseason. 50c Each
- E. S. SHAW.** 9.4. Clear rose, slightly lighter at tips of petals. Outer petals broad and imbricated and extreme center petals much shorter. No traces of carmine are visible. A beautiful flower, both in color and form. Midseason. \$35.00 Each
- FELIX CROUSSE.** 8.4. Red. Large, compact Deep rose red. Fragrant. Strong robust grower. Free bloomer. Called by many growers the best one-color red in cultivation. Midseason. 75c Each
- FESTIVA MAXIMA.** 9.3. White. Extra large, full, globular, rose type. Pure-white, with bright carmine flakes on the edges of the center petals. Fragrant. Heavy and abundant clean, bright foliage. Abundant blooms on long, strong stems. Early. The most popular all-round white Peony in existence. 75c Each
- FLORAL TREASURE.** 7.5. Large rose type. Color lilac-rose. Fragrant, tall, upright and free bloomer. 50c Each
- FRANCES WILLARD.** 9.1. Prize Peony. White. A perfect formed flower. Petals of varying sizes form a very large rounded flower often having a raised cup-shaped center enclosing golden stamens. Opens an exquisite blush-white with an occasional carmine touch, changing on the lawn to pure white. As a cut flower it remains a pinkish cream. Although delicate in appearance, it is of good substance and an excellent cut flower. Altogether it is a wonderful combination of strength and delicacy; in our opinion it is better than Baroness Schroeder. It has a better and stronger habit of growth, better and stronger perfume, and lasts better, either on the lawn or as a cut flower. It is the best flower of its type yet produced. \$3.00 Each
- JAPANESE NO. 14.** This is a selected seedling of exceptional beauty. The flower is semi-double exposing golden stamens in the center. The petals are red with gold markings. Established plants have blooms six to seven inches in diameter. \$3.00 Each
- JUBILEE.** 8.9. White. Rose type, midseason. The originator of this variety said of it: "Jubilee was undoubtedly the largest bloom of any that I had. It cannot be compared with anything else, as it is entirely different in form and very handsome." Delicate pink entirely enveloped in a halo of angelic white. A variety difficult to describe. \$6.00 Each
- KARL ROSENFELD.** 8.8. Very large, globular, compact, semi-rose type. Dark crimson. Very strong, tall, compact grower and free bloomer. Midseason. A very brilliant and striking variety. Slightly fragrant, very agreeable. Splendid keeper as a cut flower. \$1.00 Each
- LE CYGNE.** 9.9. White. Rose type, midseason. Grows about two-thirds as tall as Festiva Maxima, with good, stiff, rigid stems; foliage darkest green of all peonies; buds borne in clusters. Very large, perfectly formed flowers with broad imbricated petals. Color creamy-white with greenish luminosity at the heart, passing to a clear paper-white with age. The globular, compact type of bloom makes it easily distinguished from all others; probably the finest of all white peonies. \$15.00 Each
- LADY ALEXANDER DUFF.** 9.1. Pink. The originator of this flower describes it thusly: "Love-ly French-white, that is to say, not a snow white although when fully opened it is quite white; in the young stage tinted with a very fresh, delicate pale shade of what is commonly called blush, or palest pink. The central flower (the first to open) is a double flower of rather flattened, circular form, and the central petals have a very small touch of carmine. It is a very nicely formed flower and scented, and the plants are exceedingly free-flowering and showy. The side flowers, which are freely produced and which open after the central flowers, come in semi-double saucer-shaped form exposing the anthers. The back of the flower near the stem is flushed with pink." Tall and robust. Very scarce. We have only one plant to spare. \$5.00 Each

- LONGFELLOW. 9.0. Prize Peony. Red.** A bright crimson with a cherry tone. The most brilliant of all the red peonies. The best dark red peony in existence. Delicately beautiful in the symmetrical arrangement of its petals and in its general form. The plant is also desirable in having good clean foliage, good habit of growth, long stiff stems and good clean roots. The originator says of this, "Longfellow is a great flower, and I am not afraid to prophesy that for years to come it will stand at the head of all deep bright reds." We can spare only one plant this year. \$6.00 Each
- MARIE JACQUIN. 8.3. White. Semi-double, mid-season.** Color glossy rosy-white, with rose tinge on buds, showing golden stamens in the center, which give it a very chaste and elegant appearance. When first planted the blooms always come semi-double, but after becoming established it occasionally shows full blossoms with yellow stamens intermingled. The fragrance is delightful, resembles that of the waterlily. This is quite dissimilar to all other peonies, and is a prime favorite with everybody. 50c Each
- MARTHA BULLOCH. 9.1. Pink. Mammoth cup-shaped blossom often 9 to 12 inches across.** The largest of the good peonies. Deep rose-pink in the center, shading to silvery shell-pink in the outer petals. Stalk strong and erect. The delicate shadings of this wonderful flower from soft shell pink on the outside to deep rose pink in the center, may be imagined but can never be described. Where a peony of enormous size, delicate structure, with soft, well blended colors and having a delightful fragrance is desired, it can be found in its highest degree of perfection in Martha Bulloch. Very scarce We have but few plants to sell. \$15.00 Each
- MEISSONIER. 6.5. Red. Bomb type, midseason. Brilliant crimson, double. flowers on wiry stems.** Sometimes known as the American Beauty on account of the resemblance in color to rose of that name. Valued as a cut flower. 50c Each
- MME GEISLER. 7.9. Pink. Rose type, compact, imbricated, well formed bloom on strong erect stems.** Color glossy pink, shading to bright bengal rose on base of petals; fine, large, very double, globular massive and imposing. 50c Each
- MONS. BOUCHARLAT. 7.1. Large, full, compact, semi-rose type. Uniform light violet-rose, with silvery reflex. Very strong, erect grower, medium height, free bloomer. Late mid-season. Very good.** 50c Each
- MONS. JULES ELIE. 9.2. Pink. Very large, compact bomb type. Large guard petals surrounding a great dome of incurved petals. Glossy flesh-pink shading to a deeper rose at the base, the entire bloom covered with a silvery sheen. Strong stems of medium height. Very fragrant. This, in our opinion, is the most beautiful of the bomb shaped peonies. A long keeper.** \$1.00 Each
- MONS. MARTIN CAHUZAC. 8.8. Rose. Semi-rose type. Midseason. Large, full massive, well-formed flowers; perfect solid balls of deep maroon with garnet hues and brilliant luster. Good erect habit, free bloomer. In great demand by those who are making collections to include all shades and want the extremes.** \$3.00 Each
- MRS. EDWARD HARDING. 9.9. A charming French white of very large size. Rare, elegant and aristocratic. Desirable in every way. One of best of the newer originations. We can spare only one plant.**
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| 2 to 3 eye division | \$100.00 |
| One eye division | \$ 50.00 |
- OFFICINALIS RUBRA. Red. A large round bloom of vivid crimson. This is the old deep bright red peony of the old time garden. Earliest of all good peonies. Generally in bloom on Decoration Day. The red "piney" of our grandmothers' gardens.** 50c Each
- PHILIPPE RIVOIRE. 9.2. Red. A very fine bright crimson. Beautiful in form of flower and splendid in growth of plant. The most fragrant of the red peonies. Midseason. A splendid show flower. Very scarce. We have three or four plants to sell.** \$22.00 Each
- GROVER CLEVELAND. 8.2. Red. Fine large and full. One of the best reds.** \$2.00 Each
- PRES. WILSON. 9.4. Soft rose pink, changing to shell pink as flower opens. Guard petals sometimes show crimson markings. Fragrant. Very scarce. We have 2 or 3 plants to sell.** \$50.00 Each

